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SUBJECT: Camera Off-on Situations Which Probably Would Have Given Us
More Intelligence if Programmed Differently [REDACTED]

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✓ 1. [REDACTED] deployment at Derazhnya covered in mono, [REDACTED] Fwd camera only, Aft camera shut off before reaching Derazhnya although the area was only 30 percent scattered clouds.

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✓ 2. Due to camera cut off only half of the Pervomaysk SS-II Complex was covered, and this was by the forward-looking camera. The last frame of photography over Pervomaysk, [REDACTED] was virtually unusable due to image motion and other technical problems characteristic of this system. Additionally, there was a three nautical mile gap between [REDACTED] the last usable frame-- [REDACTED] Cloud cover over the complex was 40 percent with cumulus predominating. Stereo coverage, had it been available, would have allowed much of the terrain to be searched for new missile deployment since the clouds drift some distance between Fwd and Aft frames.

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✓ 3. On [REDACTED] over Olovyannaya, the cameras were turned on just south of the complex; the weather was clear.

✓ 4. Failure to turn the cameras on soon enough on [REDACTED] over the Kapustin Yar Missile Test Center resulted in a loss of intelligence. The first frame of imagery, which was approximately 70 percent clear, was of an area 40 nautical miles south of the northernmost launch area. All launch areas of Complex C as well as the SAM launch areas are photographed on the index camera.

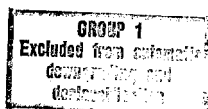
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✓ 5. Coverage of Egypt on [REDACTED] began south of Faiyum, about 90 nautical miles south of Cairo. Coverage of this area on the index camera is essentially clear, suggesting that considerable clear coverage of Cairo and the Nile Delta area might have been obtained had the camera been turned on sooner.

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